

Emergency Preparedness

Create a Family Plan

- Identify the emergency types your family may face
- Designate places your family can meet - at your residence, in your community and beyond.
- Designate a point of contact for family members to call if they become separated
- Keep an updated list of all emergency contact numbers for your family and your municipality
- Don't forget to include a plan for your pets, if you have any
- Review your insurance coverage
- Document your possessions; use pictures, video and lists - whatever works for you
- Gather all important family documents and store them in a waterproof container
- Every six months, replace the water, food and batteries in your emergency kit
- Talk to your physician or pharmacist about the quantity and storage of prescription medications

Prepare an Emergency Kit

Don't wait for a storm to hit before you stock up on emergency supplies and regularly check the status of your supplies to ensure their usability.

- Nonperishable food, non-electric can opener, plastic utensils, paper plates
- Water-one gallon per person per day for five days for cooking and drinking purposes
- Portable radio and fresh batteries
- Blankets and pillows
- Extra clothing and sturdy shoes
- Personal hygiene items
- First aid kit, nonprescription medications, whistle, utility knife, plastic sheathing
- Tool kit with assorted screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches, hammer, etc.
- Flashlights, radio, extra batteries
- Cash, travelers checks
- Special items for infants and elderly
- Liquid soap, bleach, disinfectant, plastic bucket with lid
- Good supply of plastic bags in various sizes
- Toys, books, games
- Duplicates of insurance pictures or videos in a safe deposit box somewhere else
- Wood or coal for heat (if appropriate)
- Pet food (if appropriate)